

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, beginning at line 15, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The upper end of the tubular link 12 is joined to one end of the second tubular link 14 by a splined universal joint, generally indicated at ~~30~~ 22, while the opposite end of the second tubular link 14 is connected to one end of the third tubular link 16 by an identical universal joint generally indicated at ~~22~~ 20. A similar universal joint, generally indicated at 24, secures the opposite end of the third tubular link 16 to the camera 10. In practice, the splined universal joints could be used to form a stand with one or more links.

On page 8, beginning at line 15, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The knuckle section 36a has a central splined hole 37a which is of slightly larger diameter than a similar splined hole 37b formed in the knuckle section 36b. The pin 42 has a head 43 and a splined cylinder 46 of relatively large diameter arranged immediately adjacent to the head. Beyond the section 46 a smaller diameter section 48 projects. Pin section 48 has a central threaded hole adapted to receive a threaded bolt ~~50~~ 44 for locking purposes. The section 46 has a spline count of thirty as does the larger hole 37a in the knuckle 36a. The smaller diameter section 48 has a spline count of nineteen as does the internal spline formed in the section 37b of the knuckle 36b.

On page 9, beginning at line 9, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The splined hole 29a in the end cap 26a is preferably formed at a one-half degree angle from perpendicular of the center line of the upper face of the end cap as is the hole 29b in the end cap 26b. Similarly, the two splined holes 37a and 37b on the two knuckle sections are each offset by a half degree with respect to the center line. The joint is locked together by screwing the bolt 50 44 into the tapped end of the pin 42. This forces the two flat faces 41a and 41b of the two knuckle sections into locking engagement and loads the pin to lock the entire universal joint in fixed position.

On page 10, beginning at line 5, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A locking pin, generally indicated at 66, has a head 68, a large diameter thirty-tooth splined cylindrical section 70 adjacent the head, and an extending, smaller diameter nineteen-tooth spline section 72. The section 72 is formed with a central threaded aperture (not shown) which can be locked in with the bolt 74 44 and a washer.

On page 10, beginning at line 18, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A threaded bolt 74 44 and washer are then engaged in the threaded aperture in the end of the pin to force the two opposing faces 86a and 86b of the two knuckles into intimate engagement. This loads the pin and the two splined cylinders 80 and 84 because of the offsets between their center lines, removing all tolerances from the universal joint.